

PUBLIC ACTS, 1999

CHAPTER NO. 323

HOUSE BILL NO. 1622

By Representatives Odom, Sherry Jones

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1652

By Senator Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-101, relative to the practice of chiropractic.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-4-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e):

(e)(1) No person licensed under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, may perform a spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment without first having the legal authority to differentially diagnose and have received a minimum of four hundred (400) hours of classroom instruction in spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment and a minimum of eight hundred (800) hours of supervised clinical training at a facility where spinal manipulation or spinal adjustment is a primary method of treatment. "Spinal manipulation" and "spinal adjustment" are interchangeable terms that identify a method of skillful and beneficial treatment where a person uses direct thrust to move a joint of the patient's spine beyond its normal range of motion, but without exceeding the limits of anatomical integrity. Violation of this section is an unlawful practice of chiropractic and is grounds for the offending health care provider's licensing board to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew such provider's license or take other disciplinary action allowed by law.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall in any way apply to the scope of practice of:

(A) an osteopathic physician licensed under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 9; or

(B) any person who practices medicine or surgery who is licensed under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 20, 1999


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this day of 1999

DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had House Bill No. 1622 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.